

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MAY 1, 2007

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:07 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
  - A. Mayor Armstrong introduced the pages for the evening. Julia Morrison introduced herself. She is an eighth grader at Central Middle School. Caitlyn Douglas introduced herself. She is an eighth grader at Central Middle School.
  - B. Opening Prayer was given by Dean Mathis, Minister at First Christian Church.
  - C. Pledge –Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - D. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, Absent August Tindell.
  - E. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting – Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of April 17, 2007 with the correction that under **Item III. New Business Requiring Council Action – Item A.** – second to the last line the word **property** should read **proper**. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.12, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO “AG” (AGRICULTURE) TO “R-2” (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).” Jeff Bergman (Thompson Development) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He reviewed the information. He showed the location map, existing zoning map and site map. He stated the Plan Commission had given the rezoning a favorable recommendation. Discussion followed. Four people spoke in opposition to the rezoning. George Dutro moved to approve the Ordinance. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.13, 2007, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

POLICE DEPARTMENT.” Curt Beverage with the Columbus City Police presented this Ordinance. He briefly recapped the need for the establishment of this new fund. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

### **III. New Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.16, 2007, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (PMG Corporation) Jim Clouse, Project Manger for Community Development, presented this Resolution. He informed the Council that PMG Indiana Corporation would be investing \$2,295,000 to expand its facilities by 6,475 sq. ft. and would also purchase new equipment in the amount of \$9,130,000. Larry Van Epps, Executive Vice President, gave an explanation of the corporation and told exactly what was manufactured at PMG. Brief Discussion followed. Council Person Craig Hawes reported the Incentive Review Committee had met and found PMG to be in substantial compliance. Craig Hawes moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Jim Clouse, then submitted the signed Agreement of Cooperation to the Clerk Treasurer.
- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “AG” (AGRICULTURE) TO “I-2C” (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL WITH CONDITIONS.” (Jim Puckett) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He indicated he would present the facts to this Ordinance along with the next item on the agenda being the annexation on this property. Jeff Bergman indicated the property is approximately 171 acres located on the west side of River Road, approximately ½ mile north of County Road 400 North. Jeff stated that on April 4, 2007, the Plan Commission reviewed the application for rezoning and it was being forwarded to Columbus City Council with an unfavorable recommendation. The Plan Commission received a significant amount of input during the public hearing on this request. Jeff showed an aerial photo of the property along with the site photos, location map and all pertinent slides having to do

with this rezoning and annexation. Attorney Howard Stevenson and Surveyor Perry Cloyd spoke on behalf of Jim Puckett, owner of the property. Rod Blasdel spoke in opposition on behalf of the Board of Aviation. Lou Marr, an adjourning landowner, also spoke in opposition as did a representative of the Flatrock Cemetery Board. Discussion followed. Robert Kittle made a motion to place in proper channels. Motion died because of a lack of a second. George Dutro made a motion to deny the Ordinance. Martha Myers seconded that motion. The motion to deny passed by a vote of 5 to 1 with Robert Kittle casting the nay vote.

- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2007, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” (Jim Puckett) Jeff Bergman briefly recapped the annexation ordinance. Attorney Harold Stevenson asked the Council for approval to withdraw this item. Craig Hawes moved to approve the withdrawal of this Ordinance without prejudice. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.28 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING) OF THE COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE PARKING REGULATIONS FOR CITY LOT # 10.” Jeff Bergman reminded the Council he had previously given a rather lengthy presentation to them on the parking lot issues and did not wish to duplicate everything said prior. Jeff handed out a nine (9) page Downtown Public Parking System Summary. His study revealed there are 18 spots in Lot # 10 in question. After much discussion, it was determined that of those 18 spaces, 12 should become leased spaces and 6 remain as is. Craig Hawes made a motion to amend the Ordinance with the condition that 12 spaces would become leased spaces and 6 remain as they currently are. Robert Kittle seconded the motion to amend. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Craig Hawes moved to place in proper channels the Amended Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- E. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2007, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY LEASED AND THREE HOUR PARKING SPACES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA DURING PARKING GARAGE CONSTRUCTION (CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS FOR OTHER LEASED AND THREE HOUR PARKING PROVIDED BY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.28).” Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. He indicated this Ordinance is designed to address temporary regulatory changes to better accommodate downtown parkers while the parking garage is be constructed. Jeff is recommending in this Ordinance that Jackson Street will be re-striped to allow for angle

parking. Also, some spaces on 4<sup>th</sup> Street will also be reconfigured for angled 3-hour parking. Two (2) city buses will be relocated to Washington Street in front of the Commons Mall. Discussion followed. Craig Hawes made a motion to place in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- F. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.20.010 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE.” Steve Ruble, City Engineer, presented this Ordinance. He stated the thoroughfare plan for the City of Columbus provided for adjustments of the flow of traffic on certain streets to accommodate changing transportation needs. He indicated this change of traffic flow will be necessary due to the reconstruction of Central Middle School. Discussion followed. Craig Hawes made a motion to place in proper channels with the recommendation Steve Ruble bring back to next Council meeting a map of the area and that Steve Ruble contact the property owners this would affect. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**Ed Curtin, Executive Director for the Redevelopment Commission, asked Columbus City Council to table Item G. and Item H. on the Agenda. Martha Myers, President Pro-Tem, asked that a public meeting be set in order to discuss redevelopment issues. Public meeting was set for Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers. Craig Hawes moved to table Item G. and Item H. without prejudice. Jesse Brand seconded the motion.**

- G. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_, 2007, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, APPROVING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA.” Ed Curtin
- H. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_, 2007, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, APPROVING ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.” Ed Curtin
- I. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2007, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO MAKE INTER-FUND LOANS.” Brenda Sullivan, City Clerk Treasurer, presented this Resolution. She asked Council for authority to make temporary loans from one fund to another in order that the city would not experience a cash shortage in the General Fund or the Parks Fund. This request is necessary because of property tax settlement being delayed this year. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the

Resolution. George Dutro seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**IV. Other Business**

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. utilities

B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting May 15, 2007.

C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 o'clock P.M.

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer